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(U) Econoff delivered points in reftel to Doug Rubbra, Senior Trade Policy Officer, Multilateral Market Access, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Rubbra explained that Canada is well aware of the U.S. negotiating text on textiles, apparel, footwear, and travel goods and that officers in Canada's WTO mission in Geneva are in close contact with their U.S. counterparts. Rubbra explained that the main sticking point preventing Canada from co-sponsoring the U.S. text is the Canadian requirement that the name or ID number of the dealer be included on the permanent label. He said that he and his colleagues are studying both the U.S. and E.U. texts and deciding how to proceed.

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